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THE NEXT GOVERNOR OF UTAH.

THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

It was the good fortune of the editor of the BROAD AX to attend the recent State Democratic convention held at Ogden, Sept. 5, having left this city the evening before, and in an hour afterward was hospitably entertained at the Reed hotel, where a large number of the prominent leaders were already quartered. The city of Ogden was completely captured on convention day; the attendance was immense, and the enthusiasm unbounded. With our limited space, we cannot enter into details, or incidents which attended this great gathering; suffice it to say they were inspiring and earnest in every regard. We desire more particularly to speak of the results at this time. The Republicans who went there to see a Democratic fight, were disappointed, as harmony and good feeling pervaded the entire body. The platform of principles adopted, is a concise and truthful statement, of "up to date" issues, and in comparison with the Republican platform, with its coarse and libelous parts, it is a new suit of clothes, to the rags and tatters of a beggar. The candidates chosen are all strong men, and the peers of any on our opponent's ticket.

The Hon. B. H. Roberts, who we predicted would be nominated,

and of whom we spoke last week, is one of the most eloquent and logical speakers in the West. He will be an honor to the new state in the halls of Congress, and the only question now is, how big his majority over Allen will be. A happy solution of the gubernatorial question was reached when the Hon. John T. Caine was named for governor. A clean, careful and conscientious man, familiar with public affairs, possessing a large degree of moral courage and an untarnished official record, together with his wide acquaintance in Utah makes him the very strongest candidate that could have been named. He will add strength to the ticket all over the state, and will come in under the wire 2000 votes ahead of the "bicycle rider in knee breeches." With John T. Caine as governor all classes of our people will be protected, and the law executed to the rich and poor alike. Bankers and Shylocks look well on a "bike," or kicking up their heels on the stage, but the people of Utah will want a man of experience and judgment for their first governor, which they will have in the Democratic nominee. The judicial portion of the ticket shows the excellent judgment of the convention, in its geographical distribution, as well as in the personal candidates. Mr. Maloney, Mr. Young, and Mr. Thurman, are all experienced trial

lawyers, pure and honorable in their professions, of high moral character as citizens, and all talented and brainy men. They will fill the high and dignified positions of supreme justices, with credit to the state and satisfaction to all who come before the bar of justice. Neither of these men will be owned or controlled by corporate influence, or swayed by paternal favor to lend a helping hand to an upstart offspring. Nor can it be said of either of the Democratic nominees, that their name never appeared as attorney in a single case in a court of record. The old fossils on the Republican ticket will be snowed under so deep next November that they will never be heard of again. We want pure men on the bench, and men who have made a study of the law, and we have them by the grace of the Ogden convention. The residue of the ticket is well distributed over the state, thereby exhibiting a fairness to the outside portions which was sadly wanting in the Republican deal, which acted as though Salt Lake City was the only spot from which a candidate could be obtained. Fisher S. Harris, for secretary of state, a brilliant young business man, and a lively campaigner, will make it hot for his opponent and will be elected easy, as will the entire ticket. The work of the convention was well done, and the people of Utah will ratify its action this fall by electing every man. We feel like saying a word in closing, as to the consideration and kindness shown to the editor of the BROAD AX, by all we met. There was no color-line at this great convention, but on the contrary especial pains were taken to make us feel at home, and to realize that among Democrats the negro finds his best and truest friends.

THE KU KLUX IN SALT LAKE.

At a recent meeting of the Lincoln Club, an attempt was made by P. W. Nelson, a member of that club, to pass a resolution of censure upon the editor of the BROAD AX, for the grave offence of having the courage of his convictions, and for striving to liberate the minds of the colored people from a traditional servitude. The good judgment and "horse sense" of the majority prevailed, however, and the gentleman's resolution was laid on the table, or consigned to the waste basket, as it should have been. The gentleman evidently has been reading the BROAD AX, and he has got his blood heated, and forsooth, his

eyes opened, for in the last number of the *Plain Dealer* he has a whining letter in which he shows he has been brought to light by our efforts, as the whole idea and part of the language was borrowed from the BROAD AX. We are glad the gentleman reads our paper; it will do him good, and we hope to be able to cause him to see the error of his ways, and bring political salvation to him and his crowd. We notice that when the said "resolution of censure" was under discussion W. W. Taylor did not want to go on record as opposing the Nelson resolution. Poor fellow; he is afraid of losing his job. He and Lindell, Griffin, Lucas & Co., of the *Plain Dealer*, would like to straddle the fence. They want to be in a position to say "good Lord and good Devil." In other words, to soft soap the Democratic candidates for lucre, and then milk the Republican heifers for campaign money. Change the name, gentlemen, and call your paper the *Double Dealer* instead of the *Plain Dealer*.

All this effort to crush out the BROAD AX will be futile. It is a wrong spirit, and shows a narrowness and a smallness unworthy of the spirit of the age. It is one of the strongest arguments in favor of the colored man breaking loose from the Republican party, which has for years appealed to his prejudices, and kept him bound to an idea of hate and bigotry. The



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BROAD AX will continue to "hew to the line," let the chips fall where they may. We will not be deterred from our duty by threats of censure or "running us out," etc. This is an age of thought and liberty of conscience, and we propose to continue to enlighten our fellow man to the best of our skill and ability. We have always known that "wounded birds flutter," and we take it that some of our shot have hit this crowd of would-be leaders.